

## WILL ATTEMPT TO OVERTHROW THE MAJORITY

Senator Dixon Gives Notice That Seats of Taft Delegates From South Will Be Subjected to Contest.

FIGURES GIVEN ON CONVENTIONS HELD

La Follette Likely to Carry North Dakota Against Roosevelt; Taft Favorite in Iowa, Michigan, Indiana.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Contests against Taft delegates from all southern states to the Chicago Republican convention will be taken before the national committee in June by the Roosevelt forces, according to a statement given out here today over the signature of Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Colonel Roosevelt's campaign manager.

The announcement makes the definite statement that "in every southern state and in almost every district in those states which have elected delegates to date contests will come before the national committee."

The purpose of the Roosevelt managers to attempt the overthrow of all of Taft's southern strength before it can be seated in the Chicago convention is further borne out by tables contained in the Dixon statement.

The Dixon estimates give Colonel Roosevelt forty-four delegates and concede but fourteen to Taft. The Taft delegates from southern states, eighty-four in number, are placed in the "contested column."

### McKinley's Figures.

Director William B. McKinley of President Taft's campaign committee, who also published a tabulated estimate of strength, today claimed 131 delegates and conceded but thirteen to Colonel Roosevelt. The only item upon which the widely divergent statements of the campaign managers agree is the concession of two delegates from the Seventh Iowa district to Senator Cummins.

Senator Dixon's statement declares contests will be made in all southern states, because most of the conventions have "been called and controlled by officeholders and have been illegal and fraudulent both in character and in the methods and tactics pursued."

"Convincing proof of this fact will be presented to the national committee," added Dixon, "by the delegates instructed for Roosevelt, none of them officeholders, elected by legal and proper methods and in accordance with the call of the national committee."

"It is apparent that the Taft managers purpose to carry the plan of contest from the delegates into northern states in order to cloud conditions. This is demoralizing to the party, but the issue as thus made will be made with vigor."

### Will Make Precedent.

"In adopting this plan, the Taft managers have assured a decision of the contests on their merits. Northern states and districts never will submit to the manhandling of their delegations through bogus contests. When the national committee is confronted with the necessity of making fair decisions in northern districts it will establish precedents that must insure fair decisions in southern districts also."

The Taft claims as given out by Director McKinley concede contests in the following congressional districts: First Georgia, Third Virginia, Third and Fifth Missouri and Third Oklahoma. This makes a total of ten delegates.

The Roosevelt statement declares that the following delegates now claimed by the Taft forces will be contested: Alabama, 14; District of Columbia, 2; Florida, 12; Georgia, 20; North Carolina, 8; Tennessee, 12; Virginia, 18.

"The conventions in the southern states were all called and held strictly in conformity with the call issued by the national committee," said Mr. McKinley today.

"So far as we know, the Roosevelt supporters went into those conventions and made their fight; if they have held separate conventions and elected other delegates we have not been advised of the fact."

## BITTER STRUGGLE FOR NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO, N. D., March 16.—With the first state presidential preference primary little more than forty-eight hours distant, Roosevelt and La Follette forces in North Dakota tonight redoubled their efforts to get their claims before the citizens and to assure a large vote on Tuesday. More than a score of speakers, representing both sides of the fight, addressed meetings in all sections of the state today and prepared for a final oratorical onslaught for Monday.

Senator La Follette delivered four speeches here and one in Grand Forks today and tonight. Both Walter L. S. Houser, manager of Senator La Follette, and John F. Bass, member of the Roosevelt national committee, were on the ground today and issued statements regarding the situation as they saw it tonight. Mr. Bass's statement follows:

Where Mr. Roosevelt here to clear away the misrepresentations and complications that now honeycomb this state, he would sweep North Dakota because of the underlying affection for and belief in the man. As it is, the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt has to contend with the misrepresentation which the La Follette leaders have spread concerning Mr. Roosevelt's honesty and sincerity; with the Democratic vote, which, under the approval of Mr. Bryan, is going into the primary election to vote for Mr. La Follette, and with the pressure of La Follette in the state conducting his usual destructive campaign in belittlement of the record of Mr. Roosevelt, and with the bitter

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state fight between the progressives and stalwarts which had nothing to do with the national situation, but is deliberately being used to befog the Republican voters. In spite of these drawbacks, Roosevelt will be the choice of the people and whatever delegates are elected will go to the national convention to vote for him.

Mr. Houser's statement said: La Follette will carry North Dakota on Tuesday by at least 10,000. There cannot be the least doubt of the result in the mind of the person who is familiar with conditions and who has had any opportunity to discover the sentiment of the people. North Dakota is a progressive state and its Republicans will remain loyal to the progressive principles for which they have fought so long and of which they regard Robert M. La Follette as the exponent. Practically it was certain that La Follette would carry the state before he came. His visit here and the manner in which he has been received remove the last grain of doubt.

Senator La Follette left tonight for Grand Forks and will go on to Devil's Lake and Minot, where he will wind up his campaign on Monday, after which he will return to Washington for a few days' rest before going to Nebraska, Oregon and California for stump campaigns there.

Senator La Follette and his manager, Mr. Houser, were shown copies of Gilson Gardner's letter today. Senator La Follette declined to make any comment on it and Mr. Houser said he did not care to add anything to the statement made by him yesterday.

## WILL NOT REVEAL INSIDE SECRETS

OYSTER BAY, March 16.—Back from the meeting in New York with his political lieutenants, Colonel Roosevelt retired to Sagamore Hill today saying he hoped he would not have to talk politics before Tuesday, when he goes to New York again. He probably will remain in the city most of next week. The colonel still was determined not to reveal the results of the conference last night. He was told that the impression had gone out that last night's meeting was of unusual importance and was urged to bring line the subjects which were brought up.

"We just wanted to get the leaders working together," he said.

One of the main things considered, he continued, was the speeches he was to make, but no decision had been reached as to the number of speeches or where they would be delivered.

Dixon in Command.

Colonel Roosevelt made it plain that Senator Dixon is commander-in-chief of the Roosevelt forces. He was told of a report heard in New York after the conference that the senator was to be succeeded by Charles H. Dyer, president of the Chicago board of trade, who has been working in the court of Roosevelt, was mentioned as Senator Dixon's possible successor.

"That is perfectly absurd," Colonel Roosevelt said. "One of the reasons which brought Senator Dixon from Washington last night was to discuss the whole campaign situation. The senator wanted to meet the leaders, particularly those from New York and Chicago. He is to be in complete charge of Chicago and New York will be subordinates and Washington will be the exchange. Senator Dixon will be in authority and his word will be absolute."

Colonel Roosevelt was asked what Mr. Harg's work would be. It was announced earlier in the day that he was to go to Washington as Senator Dixon's chief assistant.

McHarg's Work.

"I haven't seen Mr. McHarg," Colonel Roosevelt said. "Mr. McHarg works for William L. Ward—I think it was Mr. Ward. That has been my understanding. I don't know anything directly about Mr. McHarg."

Although Colonel Roosevelt would make no predictions as to the outcome of the campaign, he said he was certain his opponents were claiming delegates they would not get.

Before he left New York, Colonel Roosevelt talked with Senator Dixon, Alexander H. Revell of Chicago, chairman of the Roosevelt national committee, Charles H. Dyer, president of the New York City committee, and Walter Brown, chairman of the Ohio Republican state central committee. Each was enthusiastic about the prospect of the Roosevelt movement, but silent when asked what developed at last night's conference.

Tonight Colonel Roosevelt said that his only guests were "five naturalists."

Taft Favorite in Iowa.

By International News Service.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 16.—Republican county conventions in the First Iowa congressional district this afternoon assured the control of the district to Taft.

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sured the control of the district to the supporters of President Taft. Only one county, Washington, refused to align itself with the supporters of the president. Besides Des Moines, Henry, Louisa, and Jefferson counties instructed for Taft, while Van Buren county announced Taft delegates to next week's county convention. Lee county instructed for Taft a week ago.

Republicans of Woodbury county in the Eleventh district, selected Taft delegates to the county convention. One county in the Second district, Johnson, held its convention today and instructed for Taft.

Two of the five Democratic conventions today were taken in Clinton county, where Wilson and two, although Clark men appeared to be in the majority, took no action in regard to presidential preference. In Sioux county, in the Eleventh district, selected six Wilson men and two doubtful delegates to the state convention, and adopted the unit rule, which insures Wilson the county. The delegation was not instructed, but it was clearly understood that the convention that Wilson's candidacy was favored. Deaneur was the only county to instruct, going for Clark. Tama county did not instruct, but the Clark men are said to control. Wapello and Mahaska counties took no action.

Rosewater Elevated.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The chairmanship of the Republican national committee made vacant today by the death of John Fremont Hill will be filled up to the time of the national convention at least by Vice Chairman Victor Rosewater, editor and proprietor of the Omaha Bee.

Announcement of Mr. Rosewater's appointment was made tonight by William Hayward, secretary, who was formerly the Nebraska member of the national committee, but who now resides here. Mr. Hayward said that the selection of Mr. Rosewater was according to precedent and that no special meeting of the national committee would be called to elect a permanent chairman. The selection will be made by the committee at the national committee.

Mr. Rosewater is a member of the executive committee of the national committee and is a member of the sub-committee on arrangements of the Chicago committee. He is a native of Omaha and is 41 years old. He began his newspaper career in that city on the Bee in 1890 and since 1906 has been editor of that publication. His entrance into national politics dates from 1908, when he was selected as delegate-at-large to the Republican national committee from Nebraska, and since 1908 he has been the representative from his state on the national committee.

Roosevelt League.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—The Women's Roosevelt league of California was organized temporarily here today in a gathering at which Governor Hiram W. Johnson was the principal speaker. Permanent organization is to be effected at an early date.

The meeting was called by San Francisco club women, Miss Helen Todd, formerly deputy state factory inspector of Illinois and now a special inspector for the California state labor commission, was the principal speaker. Resolutions pledging their "enthusiastic and undivided support" to former President Roosevelt were unanimously adopted urging as twelve reasons, including his record on conservation, his work toward universal peace in negotiating twenty-four arbitrations, and bringing about the signing of the Portsmouth treaty which ended the Russo-Japanese war; federal meat inspection, passage of the pure food bill, and much industrial legislation.

Resolutions adopted recited that the men of California have "with all their talents" taken the women to be their "helpers" in the development of the state.

Taft Men Protest.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Formal protest was made today against the proposition to hold a presidential preference primary in Chicago on April 9, in connection with the regular spring primary.

County Judge Owens recently ordered the election commission to prepare to record the preference of the voters on the presidential candidates. The action was at the instance of the local Roosevelt league.

Notice was served on the election commissioners and the county judge today that a writ of prohibition would be asked for on Monday before Circuit Judge Windes to prevent a presidential preference vote.

Attorney George W. Miller, who served the notice, said: "We contend that the county judge has no authority to order a presidential preference primary."

Michigan for Taft.

By International News Service.

DETROIT, Mich., March 16.—President Taft got eight more delegates to the Republican state convention today, those of Iron county, one of Governor Osborn's supposed strongholds in the upper peninsula, and a "trust" now before the administration of President Taft.

Thus far all the delegates elected to the state convention have been instructed for Taft.

Instructed for Taft.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 16.—Supporters of the nomination of President Taft controlled the Seventh congressional district Republican convention today and elected a Taft delegate to the national convention by a vote of 132 to 6 over the Roosevelt candidates.

Resolutions were adopted instructing the delegates to elect President Taft and condemning the "political theories of recall of the judiciary or judicial decisions and the judicial third term."

Roosevelt Delegates.

By International News Service.

CLINTON, Okla., March 16.—The Roosevelt delegates were in absolute control at the Republican state convention here today and elected A. E. Paul from Oklahoma City and H. A. Bower of Major county delegates at large.

Mr. Bryan said Colonel Roosevelt, who has repeatedly announced himself in favor of Taft's renomination, appeared today with a "steely" but for his coat and his candidacy for renomination was mildly endorsed. Dr. L. M. Long of Beaver county was named delegate.

Will Vote for Taft.

By International News Service.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 16.—The Ninth Alabama district Republican convention here today elected John C. Foster of Blount county, former postmaster here, as delegate to the national convention and instructed them to vote for Taft. Fred B. Parker of Ensley, Ala., was elected alternate.

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"He secured the passage of the first pure food law in Missouri."

Wilson League.

FRESNO, Cal., March 16.—The Northern and Southern California Woodrow Wilson leagues united to form a Woodrow Wilson league of California at the conference held this afternoon and evening in this city. The two smaller leagues will preserve their separate existence, however. J. O. Davis of Hollister was elected president of the state organization and T. Fudwiler of Los Angeles secretary. The list of twenty-six Wilson delegates already chosen to attend the session in any manner liberalizing the public land laws.

BILLS OF WESTERN SENATORS PASSED

SPECIAL TO THE TRIBUNE.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The senate today passed Senator Smoot's bill to provide a public building costing \$50,000 at Eureka, and Senator Sutherland's bills for a public building costing \$50,000 at St. George, and \$20,000 for completing the Salt Lake building. Also Senator Warren's bills to provide public buildings at Thermopolis, Wyo., \$25,000; Sundance, Wyo., \$25,000; and Newcastle, Wyo., \$25,000.

The senate also passed Senator Smoot's bill to provide for agricultural entries on public lands, and Senator Clark's bill directing the issuance of a patent to Jesse V. Chrisman for lands in Uinta county, Wyo.

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MEDAL CONFERRED ON CATHOLIC LAYMAN

NOTRE DAME, Ind., March 16.—The Lafayette medal, which is conferred annually by the University of Notre Dame on a distinguished layman of the Roman Catholic church, was announced today as having been awarded this year to Thomas Maurice Mulry, a banker of New York City. His devotion to works of charity is the reason for the choice. The award has the approval of Cardinal Farley.

In 1909 Mr. Mulry was president of the national conference of charities and correction. He is a member of the state board of charities of New York and for many years has been national president of the superior council of the St. Vincent de Paul society.

## HOLD CONFERENCE ON THE BORAH BILL

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Western members of the house held a conference this morning to map out a plan of campaign in support of the amended Borah three-year homestead bill, which comes up next Wednesday. It was agreed to make a determined stand on this measure, for should it fall there is little possibility of any law getting through at the session in any manner liberalizing the public land laws.

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